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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities received prior to 14 November 1955:

A. General:

The personnel exchange program continued. Recruits were given basic training with and without weapons in the barracks areas. The first indications of advanced combat practice appeared at the post training grounds.

B. Soviet Dispositions:

1. Firing practice involving medium AA guns was observed south of Letsling Heath on 2 November.
2. The unloading of 30 T-54 tanks allegedly occurred in Neuruppin on 5 November.
3. Two shipments with a total of 16 T-34's and 14 JS-2's were unloaded in Doeberitz on 6 November.
4. On 7 November the dismantling activities at the Schweinrich (Wittstock) cantonment were still continuing. The dismantled material was shipped to the Neuruppin post training grounds.

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D. KVP:

KVP training at posts and the employment of KVP personnel in harvesting activities continued. Personnel were discharged at installations southwest of Strausberg on 31 October and at the Oranienburg concentration camp on 8 November. No change has been observed in the employment of East German Border Police along the western zonal border since the withdrawal of Soviet border guard units.

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